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1. FURTHER LIGHT WAS SHED ON PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE WITH "OTHER COUNTRIES" THAT HE INTERCEDE ON THEIR BEHALF WITH PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL OF MOZAMBIQUE WITH STATEMENT TO ME SEPT 18 BY PRO NUNCIO ARCHBISHOP ANGELONI THAT IT PROBABLY THE VATICAN WHICH PRESIDENT HAD IN MIND.

2. STORY GOWU BACK TO LAST MAY WHEN VATICAN EXPRESSED CONCERN TO KAUNDA OF MARXIST AND ATHEISTIC TACK OF FRELIMO. AT TIME STATE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER MARK CHONA GAVE PRO NUNCPO IN WRITING FIRM ASSURANCES THAT THERE WOULD BE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, CONSCIENCE, AND RELIGION AND VATICAN NEED HAVE NO
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CONCERNS. MORE RECENTLY, PRO NUNCIO MADE TWO SEPARATE APPEALS TO

KAUNDA TO HOLD SAMORA MACHEL TO THESE ASSURANCES. PRESIDENT KAUNDA WAS VISIBLY EMBARRASSED AT LAST MEETING BECAUSE HE HAD TWICE FAILED IN HIS APPROACHES TO PRESIDENT MACHEL.

3. UNDAUNTED, PRO NUNCIO APPEALED TO CHONA FOR AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE DURING SEPT 13 LUSAKA MEETING OF FOUR PRESIDENTS IN EFFORT TO ENLIST HIS SUPPORT NOH ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH MACHEL BUT BECAUSE HE IS PRACTICING MEMBER OF CATHOLIC CHURCH. HOWEVER, ANGELONI FAILED IN THIS ATTEMPT AND IS NOT SANGUINE ISSUE WILL BE PUSHED IN DAR BY VATICAN REP THERE. WILKOWSKI

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